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Obama warns superstorm Sandy not yet over

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama said yesterday the crisis over superstorm Sandy was not yet over and announced plans to go and view devastation in New Jersey today.

"This storm is not yet over," Obama said during a visit to the headquarters of the American Red Cross in Washington, warning that some northern states could still face flooding and high winds.

Obama said that he had ordered federal government officials dealing with the storm to short circuit normal government procedures to get help

quickly to millions of people affected by the huge storm.

"Do not figure out why we can't do something. I want you to figure out how we do something," Obama said.

"I want you to cut through red tape, I want you to cut through bureaucracy, there is no excuse for inaction at this point. I want every agency to lean forward."

Obama will also visit victims of the huge storm and will thank "first responders who put their lives at risk to protect their communities," White House spokesman Jay Carney said in a statement.

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Christmas comes to Aruba

Islanders are into the holiday season as strongly as any nation that usually is snow-covered for the winter holiday, and the season was ignited by the first show of lights on Monday evening, October 29. The turbo-rotunda in Oranjestad, just in front of the port, was aglow with the holiday spirit as Aruba's Minister of Infrastructure, Integration and Environment, Benny Sevinger switched on the inaugural lighting of holiday décor for public venues.

It is an impressive display making the most of the tropical flora, which will hopefully not distract motorists too greatly. The community was out to enjoy the festive



event, replete with the traditional "Gaita" singing groups that are an integral part of the seasonal celebrations.

"Paradera Corridor" to begin work by the end of the year

Aruba's Minister of Infrastructure, Integration and Environment, Benny Sevinger, was joined by the Minister of Tourism Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber in introducing to community members of Paradera and Piedra Plat a plan for the beautification of their main thoroughfare, on Monday evening, October 29.

The beautification of the area will begin at the intersection of Bright Bakery and extend to the road leading to Santa Rosa Center and the turnoff for the Casibari Rock Formations. According to Minister Oduber, this "Paradera Corridor" will not only improve the road conditions for the surrounding community, but the sights in the area that will interest tourists and stimulate them to explore this part of the island, will be promoted.

All along the road pavers will be placed for pedestrian sidewalks, and a bicycle path is part of the plan. At Bright Bakery, a busy and problematic intersection, a rotunda will be installed to facilitate the flow of traffic.

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Plan for new rotunda



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“Paradera Corridor”

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Location of three intersections



Dennis Wever, Minister Oduber and Minister Sevinger

Attractive signage will be placed at the other intersections, as well as landscaped areas. The plan is to take advantage of the Santa Rosa gardens and plant attractive, colorful trees, such as flamboyant and kibrachacha trees, as well as a variety of fruit trees, all along the road.

Dennis Wever of the Department of Public Works gave exact details of what the project will entail. The ministers expressed their gratitude to the

community members attending the meeting. It is their intention to have the surrounding neighborhoods involved in the beautification project, with home and store owners looking towards sprucing up their premises as well.

Exact dates when work will begin have yet to be announced, but it is project by the end of the year, or very early January 2013.

Rosalie Klein

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“Grow a beard to fight cancer” campaign from Comprá or for NovemBarba

The “NovemBARBA” team lead by Farrah Boekhoudt introduced a new cancer-awareness campaign for November. The cancer-conscientious company devotes October to various methods of raising funds for the battle against breast cancer, the coming month will be dedicated to the most cancer for men, prostate. Funds raised during the month will be donated to the Wilhelmina Kanker Fonds, Aruba’s supplementary agency assisting cancer victims and their family when needing to travel abroad to receive treatment.

Everyone on Aruba is invited to participate. Gillette and Comprá has selected five well known men on Aruba, who have agreed to get the ball rolling by growing their beards during the month of November. (Barba is Papiamentu for beard.) Claret Lopez, Jonathan Viera, Edward Ellis, Gino Mejia and Gert van Vliet will receive 50 Aruban florins for each day they can go without shaving. All funds are pledged to the WKF. Comprá and media will follow their progress, including daily pictures posted to the Comprá Facebook page.

All of Aruba, men and women, are invited to join in the fundraising fun. Men are encouraged to grow their beards, take pictures of the progress and post them to the Comprá Facebook page. For every picture posted, and addition 1 Aruban florin will be donated to the WKF in the name of the furry participant. Women too are welcome to be creative and post pictures of themselves in false beards, or using make up so they appear bearded, to also generate more funds for the Wilhelmina Kanker Fonds.

The campaign will last one month from November 1 to November 30. The deadline to



Claret Lopez, Jonathan Viera, Edward Ellis, Gino Mejia and Gert van Vliet



Novembarba team

upload a picture to the FB fan-page is noon on the last day of November.

The WKF will receive at least 7,500 (\$4,295) florins for the efforts of the “Gillette Five,” whose increasing be-whiskered faces will be invading island media. Farrah stated their goal is to raise at least 10,000 Aruban florins (\$5,714) by the end of the month, if not more. They hope the community will get behind their efforts to combat this dread disease. Those wishing to contribute in a more discreet manner can make donations to

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Presentation of Diploma in Basic Taxation



A total of 24 civil servants, employed at the Aruba Tax Office, this past week received their Diploma in Basic Taxation. The particular study program provided the employees with a general knowledge of all the different types of taxes, such as, Income tax, Wages tax, Profit tax and also the formal collection process.

During the course of study, much attention was given to the integrity and social abilities of an employee of the Tax Office. Attention was also given to the Dutch language. This is important because the majority of our fiscal laws are in the Dutch language and every employee must be fluent in the subject matter as well as in the

language.

The course was initiated November 2011 and completed in October 2012. The students, who were all employees of the Tax Office, attended classes three times per week after working hours, namely from 4:30 to 7:00 in the evening.

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Aruban Kyle Fränkel and Patrick Sydow excel at Int'l. Tennis Camp in Tobago



PORT OF SPAIN – Recently, the International Tennis Federation training camp for players ages 13 years and younger, took place at The Shaw Park Tennis Facilities in Tobago. Twelve tennis players from seven Caribbean islands were invited to participate, Barbados, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Aruba, Grenada, St. Lucia and the host country Trinidad & Tobago.

The camp is for talented athletes who excelled during

the recent 13 & Under Caribbean Development Championships held in Tobago, as well as their year round performance in the under 14 ITF and COTECC events.. COTECC is the Central American & Caribbean Tennis Confederation (or Confederation de Tennis de Centroamerica Caribe (COTECC)), a continental governing body of tennis in Central America and the Caribbean.

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Former Curacao PM withdraws from new government



Gerrit Schotte

WILLEMSTAD -- Political party Movimentu Futuro Korsou (MFK) has officially withdrawn from the willingness declaration signed earlier this week as a prelude to the formation of a new coalition government in Curacao. Former Prime Minister Gerrit Schotte, leader of MFK, announced this during a press conference on Sunday night, it was confirmed

yesterday. The party apparently does not agree with how the process of forming a new cabinet is taking place.

Schotte claimed that Helmin Wiels, leader of the largest party Pueblo Soberano (PS), is not a serious negotiator, instead he constantly insults him in his radio program. MFK, PS and MAN signed a declaration together to form a coalition, but MFK is now pulling the plug.

For his part, Wiels reportedly suspects that the MFK is afraid of the results of the screening process.

Recently, a member of parliament in the Netherlands, Ronald van Raak said that he had received different documents in the mail from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which describe the relation between Gerrit Schotte and the Sicilian mafia.

Presentation of Diploma...

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The course was rather intensive. Remarkable is that most of the employees are mothers or fathers with the responsibility of a family.

In addition to attending classes, these students had to find time to study and do various tasks, then attend exams on Saturdays. The Basic Taxation Diploma prepares the employee to continue their development in the Tax Office and to be ready to advance to the next level of fiscal studies.

The employees who successfully completed the course and received their well-earned diploma are: Robert Bislip, Rosita de Cuba, Carissa Croes, Cindsy Lo-Ann Croes, Jean-Carlos Croes, Jessica Geerman, Sharon Geerman, Mervine Geerman, Humphrey Inocencia, Sharisa Kamperveen, Meredy Kock, Angelique Leest, Angelique Leo,

Dwayne Luidens, Yairo Martis, Ariana Oduber, Filomena Paesch, Jemuel Paesch, Jade Pietersz, Rosethy Ridderstap, Veraida Rosalina, Vanessa Solognier, Rosley Starke and Marcela Werleman.

Management of the Tax Office expressed their gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the course. They were especially grateful for the approval from the Minister to offer the course. Those who contributed as teachers were: J. Maduro, Sra. mr. A. Geerman-Giel, Sr. R. Maxwell, Sra. B. Van Andel, Sra. mr. I. Paesch, Sra. mr. M. Brinkenberg, mr. R. Van Holland, Sra. mr. F. Geerman-Ruiz, Sra. mr. B. Richard, Sra. mr. A. Van Herpen and E.T. Pieters.

This program of study is one of three programs to be offered at the Aruba Tax Office.

Trop Casino to celebrate Halloween with a Spooktacular Slot Tournament

Today, October 31st, Trop Casino will be serving up plenty of treats without the tricks, in celebration of Halloween. A \$10 Spooktacular Slot Tournament is slated to kick off at 8 pm, with winners walking away with up to \$1,000 in cash prizes. The Hot Seat will also offer \$1,000 in prizes, while those who accumulate 50 points in the same day on their Trop Advantage Card will be allowed to select a candy bar from the sweet treat bag and win even more prizes. Make sure you come dressed in your best Halloween outfit, as the Best Costume Contest will be awarding attractive cash prizes.

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It is affiliated to the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

The 12 athletes received training and were challenged in physical, mental, technical and tactical techniques. Providing the training were Gonzales of Trinidad & Tobago and John Goede From Suriname, two very qualified coaches with vast experience helping ITF

with various projects.

Two players who excelled during the camp are Aruban Kyle Fränkel and Patrick Sydow. They were chosen for their performance, skills and discipline. Their achievement is proof that Aruba has two of the best tennis players in the under 14 Category in the Dutch and English speaking Caribbean islands.

Osebelio Antersijn celebrates 50 years of faithful service!



Last Friday, Santa Rosa and the Abattoir were in a festive mood celebrating the 50th anniversary of Osebelio Antersijn as a dedicated and faithful employee.

Nathalie Maduro, director of Santa Rosa spoke on behalf of the Minister who was unable to attend for personal reasons. Maduro recounted briefly the life of Osebelio Antersijn and indicated how much of an exemplary and dedicated employee he was all these years as a slaughter of animals at the Abattoir.

Besides being a professional animal slaughter for

more than 50 years, Osebelio Antersijn is a well-known livestock farmer who raised cows, chickens, goats and pigs. Today he still has a livestock of pigs.

Nathalie Maduro mentioned how Osebelio has become known all over the island for his tremendous "sanger yena" (blood sausage) delicacy. Antersijn received a certificate of recognition as a friend of Santa Rosa on behalf of Minister Oduber.

Osebelio Maduro is a popular former member of the legendary Tropical football



team and as an outstanding domino player on the Bubali Field.

During the celebration many friends and former colleagues were present to celebrate together with Osebelio, replete with drinks and delicacies. Colleagues spontaneously got a band together and made delightful music for all.

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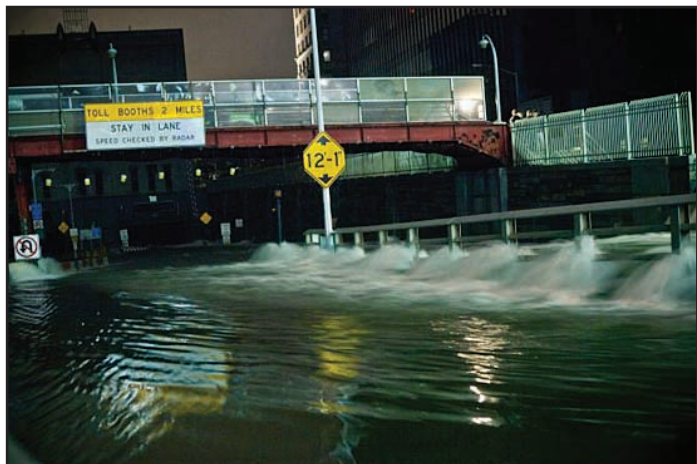

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Water rushes into the Carey Tunnel (previously the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel).



Damage caused by a fire at Breezy Point. The fire destroyed between 80 and 100 houses Monday night in the flooded neighborhood. More than 190 firefighters have contained the six-alarm blaze fire.



Deputy Cliff Tice of the Dare County Sheriff's Department walks down damaged and impassable NC 12 leading into Mirlo Beach in Rodanthe, N.C.



An ambulance is stuck in over a foot of snow off of Highway 33 West, near Belington, W.Va.

Toll from Sandy rises to 32, expected to climb

NEW YORK (AFP) - The death toll from superstorm Sandy has risen to 32 in the United States and Canada, and was expected to climb further as several people remained missing, officials said late yesterday.

Officials in the states of Connecticut, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia all reported deaths from the massive storm system, while Toronto police said a Canadian woman was killed by flying debris.

Sandy had already killed at least 67 people -- including a US national in Puerto Rico -- as it swept through the Caribbean over the past few days, meaning the overall toll from the storm is now 99.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo reported 15 storm-related deaths at a news briefing.

"Tragically we expect that number to go up," New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg warned.

Christie said that rescue operations were still under way, with three separate teams deployed in Atlantic City, the coastal casino town near where the storm made landfall.

The National Hurricane Center said Sandy had weakened early yesterday as it moved inland, but could still generate gale-force winds and flooding along the Eastern Seaboard.

US authorities had warned the threat to life and property was "unprecedented" and ordered hundreds of thousands of residents from New England to North Carolina to evacuate their homes and seek shelter.

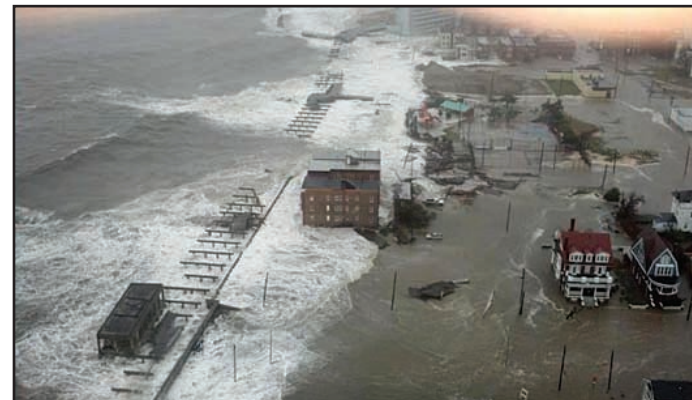
President Barack Obama declared a "major disaster" in New York as more than eight million homes and businesses from the Carolinas to Maine were left without power and trading on Wall Street was suspended for a second day.

Seawater had coursed between the iconic skyscrapers of New York's financial district in lower Manhattan, flooding subways and road tunnels and shorting out the power grid, leaving a half-million households and businesses in the dark.

Further south, giant waves crashed over boardwalks, turning coastal cities into ghost towns as the high winds grounded flights and shut down rail links, public transport and government offices.



flood waters from Hurricane Sandy rushing in to the Hoboken PATH station through an elevator shaft.



The Inlet section of Atlantic City, N.J., as Hurricane Sandy makes it approach on Monday.



Cars are submerged at the entrance to a parking garage in New York's Financial District.



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Williams sisters on women's rights tour in Nigeria

LAGOS (AFP) - American tennis star Venus Williams arrived in Nigeria yesterday on the first stop of two-country African trip with her sister Serena aimed at promoting women's rights.

Both sisters are counted among the United States' most accomplished athletes, sharing 22 major women's singles championships between them.

Their trip is aimed at promoting "the role that women play in shifting perceptions and encouraging development at all levels across the African continent," said a statement from the Breaking The Mould initiative they are representing.

Serena, 31, and Venus, 32, will meet the governor of Lagos state, hold a tennis

clinic at an exclusive club, visit a puberty education class for girls and play an exhibition match before heading to South Africa on November 2.

"They are coming to Lagos to encourage more women to break moulds that have stood between them and their potentials," the statement said.

Gender disparity is an acute problem in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country of roughly 160 million people, with the most glaring divides existing in the mainly Muslim north.

Worldwide, Nigeria ranks 118 out of 134 countries on the Gender Equality Index, a British Council study released in May said.

Argentina recovers from freak storm



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Merchants dumped rain-damaged merchandise for almost nothing yesterday as Buenos Aires province dried out and tried to recover from a huge storm that left two dead.

A bridge between two cities in central Santa Fe province collapsed because a rain-swollen river weakened its foundation.

In Buenos Aires province, Argentina's most populous, some 3,500 people remained displaced from their homes because of flooding from Monday's storm, provincial official

Luciano Timerman said.

In just six hours the province got nearly as much rain as it does in an entire average month of October, the national weather service said.

In Buenos Aires itself, avenues were flooded and train and subway services were knocked out. Large areas of the city of three million suffered blackouts. At least two people were killed.

Winds gusting at up to 110 kilometers per hour (65 miles per hour) tore the roofs off homes in the town of Rio Tala, injuring around 10 people.



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Poll: Canada, Britain hoping for Obama election win

OTTAWA (AFP) - Most Canadians and Britons, if they could vote in next week's US presidential election, would cast ballots for US President Barack Obama over Republican challenger Mitt Romney, a yesterday poll found.

The Angus Reid Public Opinion poll found that

Canadians prefer Obama over Romney by a seven-to-one margin (72 percent to 10 percent) while Britons favor the Democrat over the Republican by a 10-to-one margin (62 percent to six percent).

They said in the hypothetical ballot question that the incumbent Democrat's fo-

reign policies have been "good" or "very good" for the respective countries.

The online survey of 1,005 Canadians and 2,004 Britons conducted from October 23 to October 26 is considered accurate within a 3.1-percent and 2.2-percent margin of error, respectively.

French stop search for missing British boy

TOULON (AFP) - French rescuers yesterday stopped a search for a 12-year-old British boy who disappeared at the weekend while riding his bike in gale-force winds on a southern island.

"Everything has been done, we have scoured the island on all sides. We have been let down," said Paul Mourier, the prefect of the Var region, where Pierre Barnes

disappeared.

Rescue workers had scoured the seas off the small Mediterranean tourist island of Porquerolles for Barnes, who went missing on Saturday. The bicycle and his shoe were found by a creek.

His father Stephen Barnes told reporters: "Now that three nights have passed, we think he is dead."

The boy had just arrived

on the island with his English father, French mother and his two brothers and sisters when he went out on his bike as the winds barrelled at 130 kilometres (80 miles) an hour.

Barnes's father had earlier said the family hoped "to find Pierre alive or his body," adding: "The worst thing is not to know and to be left weeks without knowing the outcome."

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Saying farewell to her daughter



As she lay there
There was a look of tranquility
On her face
Silently a tear fell from a wrinkled cheek
Onto a rose
A rose that was cut in the prime of its bloom
Never would this rose bloom again
But her battle was fought gallantly until the end

As I gazed at this beautiful but sad scene
My thoughts drifted back
I was picturing all those young faces
Faces of young women that passed on
Young women in their prime
Young women who lost the battle
Against the dreadful breast cancer

As I stood with my silent emotion
There was a lump in my throat
I fell to my knees and whispered softly

Dear Lord it's me again
Don't be mad
Forgive me for knocking on your door
It's you I turn to when I am sad
It's a burden we can't carry any more

Dear Lord, actually I don't
Know what to say
But please, please Lord
Protect and guide them
Keep them out of harm's way
Please Lord let there be a cure
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The church bells started to ring
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Breast cancer screening saves lives, says study

PARIS (AFP) - The benefits of preemptive breast cancer screening outweigh the risks, a study said, insisting the practice saves thousands of lives.

The new research adds to the debate about the dangers of overdiagnosis, which sees some women undergo invasive treatment for cancers that would never have made them ill or even been diagnosed were it not for the scans.

The team had analysed data from other trials conducted over many years in Britain, where women aged 50 to 70 are invited for a screening mammogram every three years.

The data, it said, pointed to a 20 percent reduction in mortality -- or one death prevented for every 180 women screened.

This meant that the UK

screening programmes "probably prevent about 1,300 breast cancer deaths every year," said the report.

But there is a cost.

Nearly 20 percent of breast cancer diagnosed by screening would never have caused any problems, said the study.

The panel, set up to advise British policymakers, estimated that among every 10,000 women invited to screening from the age of 50 in the Britain, 681 cancers would be discovered, of which 129 would be overdiagnoses, and 43 deaths prevented.

The report showed that "the UK breast-screening programme extends lives and that, overall, the benefits outweigh the harms," The Lancet wrote in an editorial.

Cancer experts have been at loggerheads for years about

whether the benefits of screening outweigh the harm of overdiagnosis.

All cancer, once picked up in the screening process, is treated, often with surgery as well as radio- and chemotherapy, as it is impossible to tell which growths would have remained undetected for the remainder of a woman's life.

In August, medical experts Steven Woloshin and Lisa Schwartz wrote in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) that screening only narrowly decreased risks that a 50-year-old woman would die from breast cancer within 10 years - from 0.53 percent to 0.46 percent.

Up to half of women screened annually over 10 years experienced at least one false alarm that required a biopsy, they said.

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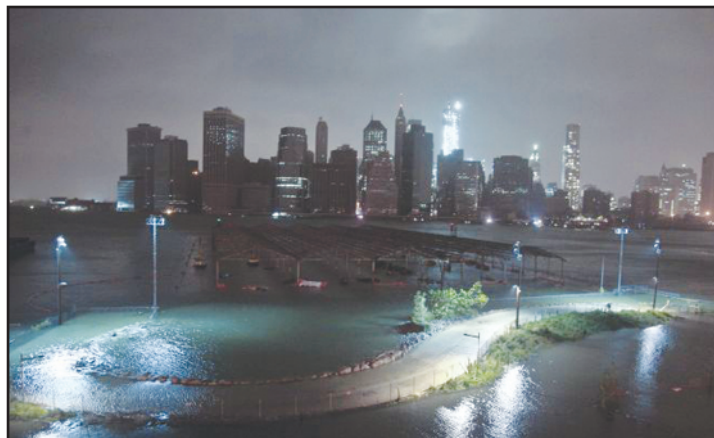


-- Google has announced that its online store, Google Play, now hosts 700,000 applications available for download. This is a new record for the Internet giant and matches a level recently announced by main competitor Apple. Prior to equalling the landmark, Google had long been lagging behind Apple as the App store provided a much larger installed base for developers to sell its wares. Another reason for Google's boom in app development is that it provides much less stringent submission guidelines in comparison to Apple, making Play open to submissions from virtually all sources.



--A state-of-the-art yacht designed by Steve Jobs made its first public appearance in the Netherlands a year after the Apple founder's death. Dubbed Venus, after the Roman goddess of love and beauty, the 250-foot ship hit the water Sunday in Aalsmeer. Venus is steered by 27 iMacs in its control room. It has a lightweight aluminum exterior and its large paned windows are not unlike those seen in Apple stores. Jobs showed biographer Walter Isaacson his design for a "sleek and minimalist" yacht in the years before his death. His family was at the unveiling of the Venus in Aalsmeer, according to The Verge. Those working on the yacht named "Venus," have reportedly received a special iPod Shuffle with the boat's name engraved on the back and a card from the Jobs family that thanks them stating: "For your hard work and craftsmanship."

Sandy deals a blow to popular US websites



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Huffington Post and other popular US websites struggled to get back on their feet yesterday after superstorm Sandy knocked them out of cyberspace.

On its homepage, the Huffington Post blamed power out-

ages triggered by Monday's storm for "technical difficulties" as it offered readers minimalist post-storm updates with no photos or links to other parts of its vast site.

"We are working around the clock to get the site back to normal," it said in a boldface

editor's note.

The hip Manhattan-centric website Gawker and stablemates such as Jezebel and Gizmodo were also out of action overnight, although Gawker managed to restore minimal service using an old-school live blog format.

Buzzfeed invited its visitors Tuesday to proceed to the website's Tumblr, Twitter and Facebook accounts for fresh content, in the absence of homepage updates since Monday.

On its Tumblr account, BuzzFeed said it was told by DataGram -- an Internet service provider that also serves the Huffington Post and Gawker -- that it had sustained serious flooding during the storm.

Spanish man in coma dies after winning decades-long legal struggle

MADRID (AFP) - A Spanish man, in a coma for 23 years, has died, just over a year after his family finally won compensation following decades of litigation over the operation that left him in a vegetative state, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Antonio Meno had been in a vegetative state since a cosmetic surgery operation on his nose in 1989 when he was 21.

"He died on Sunday," Luis Bertelli, one of the family's lawyers, told AFP.

The family charged that the anaesthetist at the operation had been negligent and he was found guilty of "imprudence" by a Madrid court.

But the finding was overturned on appeal and the anaesthetist was cleared in all the subsequent legal proceedings brought by the young man's parents, who are retired bakers.

In 2009 they began to camp outside the ministry in protest when the legal authorities

threatened to seize their apartment to pay off 400,000 euros (\$518,000) in court costs.

But evidence from a new witness, who was a medical student at the time and present at the operation, persuaded the country's Supreme Court to reopen the case in November 2010.

A process of arbitration between the two parties finally allowed the family to receive 1.075 million euros (\$1.394 million) in compensation in July 2011.

Meno's mother Juan Ortega

said then that it "doesn't end as I wanted, but I have no strength left, I can't go on."

On Tuesday, Bertelli said: "It is the victim of an injustice who has died," accusing the courts of having taken too long to hand out justice.

"It is many years of waiting and anguish for a mother," he said. She had lived "permanently attached to the foot of a bed because she was not given the compensation which would have allowed her to employ nurses."

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1. Nap spot
5. Reagan appointee
10. Dr. J's hairdo, once
14. Stirs
15. Songwriter Harold
16. Demeanor
17. "Thelma" and "Louise," e.g.
19. Author Bombeck
20. Takes to the ball
21. Charles — Reilly
23. Just out of the autoclave
24. Unsaid but understood
25. Plumbing joint
26. 1983 Broderick movie

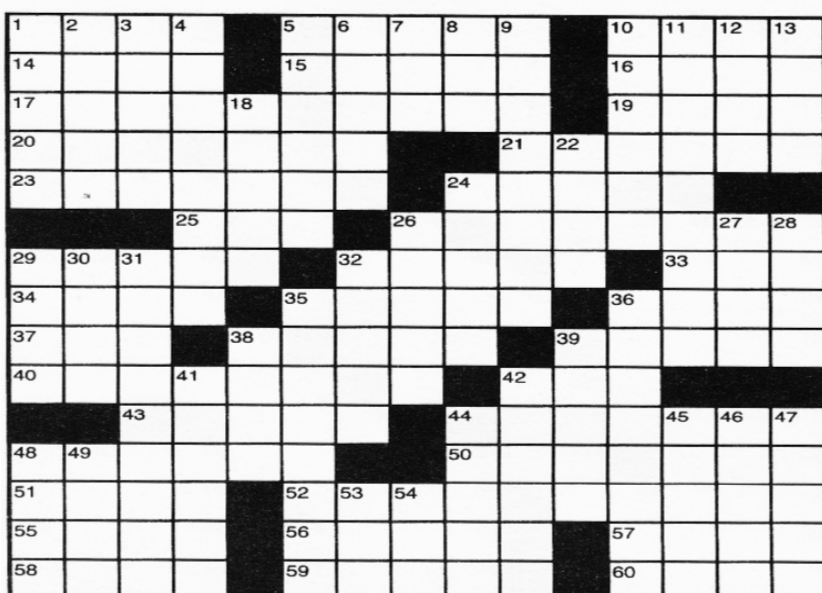
29. Killed, gangster-style
32. Where hair stands up
33. "Chances —"
34. Vacuum
35. "What —?" (puzzled one's query)
36. Ollie's skinny sidekick
37. Commit a blooper
38. One whose goose is cooked
39. Alamagordo experiment
40. Had recourse
42. Opp. of WNW
43. Singing groups
44. Invention protections
48. Utah peak
50. Algonquian

- Indian
51. It was: Lat.
52. 1982 Stallone film
55. "West — Story"
56. Awe
57. Samms of "Dynasty"
58. Ivories
59. Ranks
60. Conks out

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1. Yegg's targets
2. Pindar or Horace
3. Compel
4. Varied
5. Baseball's Mickey
6. Use artgum
7. Dutch — disease
8. Look at
9. Captures
10. Feminist —

- Jenks Bloomer
11. Gilligan or Starbuck
12. San —, Italy
13. Judah's son
18. Heard a case
22. Medical tests: abbr.
24. Skinny candle
26. Greeted from a distance
27. Historical times
28. Forwarded
29. Out's partner
30. Warning from Els
31. Hillary or Mamie
32. Pinochle losers
35. Overstep the boundary
36. Like churches
38. Sign of pleasure
39. Take — at it (try)
41. Addresses the crowd
42. "The — a thief..." ("Timon of Athens")
44. Out of vogue
45. Ashley Judd's mother
46. Cleveland Indians slugger Jim
47. Sprite and Surge
48. Cubicle furniture
49. Canal from Albany to the Great Lakes
53. Philippine fruit tree
54. Templeton, in "Charlotte's Web"



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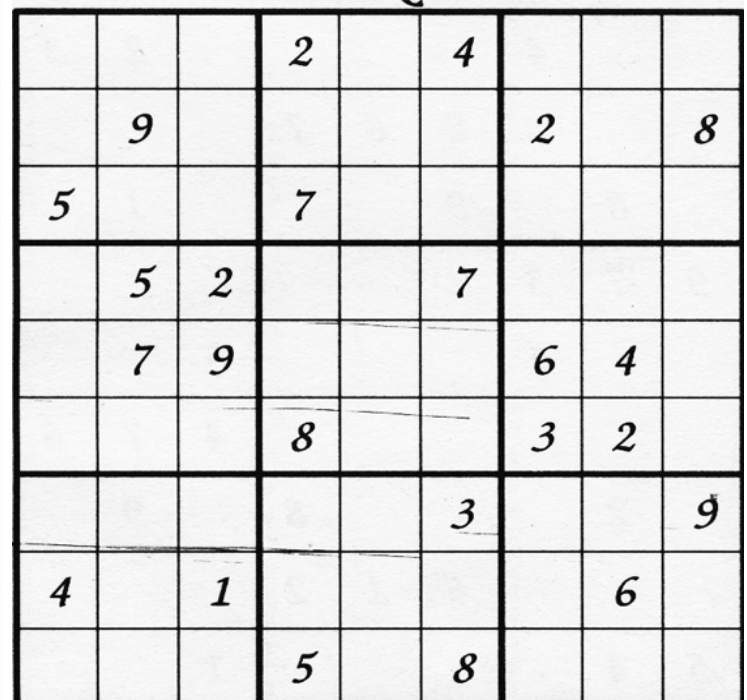
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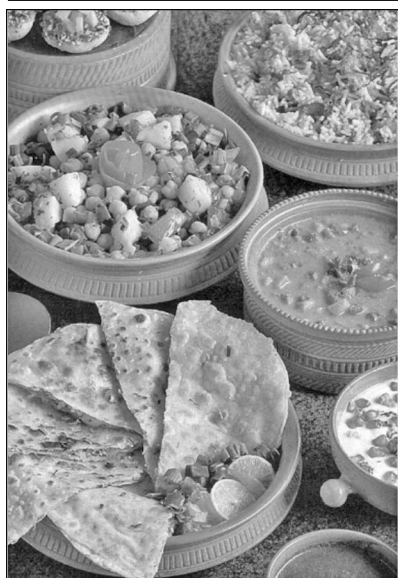
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5	7	1	2	3	6	4	8	9
1	6	8	7	9	2	5	3	4
7	9	1	6	4	8	2	5	3
8	4	2	5	1	7	6	9	3
9	5	6	7	8	2	1	4	3

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East Africa seen as new frontier for gas

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - East Africa has emerged as the new frontier for natural gas production, boosted by offshore discoveries in Mozambique, Tanzania and Madagascar, an Ernst & Young report said yesterday.

According to the audit firm's report, "the most dynamic recent developments in the African natural gas sector have been in East Africa," despite most of the major players coming from further north.

In the last five years, energy firms including Italy's ENI and US group Anadarko Petroleum have reported several large-scale offshore gas finds in northern Mozambique's Rovuma basin and Mamba fields.

Recoverable gas reserves in Rovuma is estimated at three trillion cubic meters, the report said. Leading global oil groups are getting in on the act as discoveries in Madagascar and Kenya have upped the ante.

In Tanzania, BG Group, Ophir Energy, Statoil and ExxonMobil have all found "major gas deposits."

The report described east Africa as the "next epicenter"

for global natural gas, something which was "non-story" ten years ago.

"With the huge recent discoveries in offshore East Africa (in particular, Mozambique and Tanzania), the future of African gas is, however, expected to shift eastward," said the report.

Gas production in Africa since 2000 has been growing by about four percent per year, with exports destined for the Asian market.

"African gas production reached about 203 bcm (billion cubic meters) in 2011, with production led by Algeria, Egypt and Nigeria, collectively accounting for more than 88 percent of the continent's total," it said.

The report also noted untapped shale gas resources in South Africa which have been the subject of a controversial debate.

According to consultants Wood Mackenzie, the ease of access to Asian markets and a break-even point that is substantially lower than rival Australia could help natural gas exports.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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NYSE, Nasdaq to reopen today

NEW YORK (AFP) - The New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq exchange announced they will reopen today after Hurricane Sandy forced a two-day shutdown, the markets' first closure since the 9/11 attacks of 2001.

"We are pleased to be able to return to normal trading tomorrow," NYSE Euronext chief executive Duncan Niederauer said yesterday. "Our building and systems were not damaged and our people have been working diligently to ensure that we have a smooth opening tomorrow."

Niederauer said trading will start as usual at 9:30 am, with the NYSE Euronext building and trading floor "fully operational" despite the flooding and power outages that have shut down much of the country's financial capital New York.


Nasdaq OMX, which operates the fully electronic Nasdaq exchange and other futures and options markets, said they would also reopen at normal hours today.

UBS to cut nearly 10,000 jobs by 2015

ZURICH (AFP) - Swiss banking giant UBS yesterday announced nearly 10,000 job cuts and a third quarter bathed in red due to a massive restructuring of its ailing investment bank, in the latest blow to a Swiss banking sector under fire.

That restructuring carried a steep price tag, the bank said, as it blamed charges generated by the operation for a 2.2-billion Swiss franc (1.8-billion euro, \$2.3-billion) net loss in the third quarter.

UBS had posted a 1.0-billion franc profit in the same period a year earlier.



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Britain	GBP	2.80	2.85	2.91
Switzerland	CHF	190.87	191.59	192.39
Netherlands	EUR	228.77	230.86	233.18
Sweden	SEK	25.81	26.53	27.33
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US storm damage could hit \$20 bn: Eqecat

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Damage from the mega-storm that blasted the US East Coast could hit \$20 billion, disaster estimator Eqecat said yesterday, as economists put total losses to the economy at \$30-50 billion.

Eqecat President Bill Keogh confirmed the company's estimates of \$5-10 billion in insured losses and \$10-20 billion in total losses from Hurricane Sandy.

"We think that's about right. ... It will be among the 10 to 15 most damaging storms" that have hit the United States, he told Bloomberg television.

He said the assessments on real damages from wind and flooding-related losses and the costs of business shutdowns will take some time to collect.

Fitch Ratings said that aside from physical damage from winds and flooding, it expects significant insurance claims from companies over lost business.

"While many lines of insurance will be affected, including property and auto, there is the potential for significant business interruption and contingent business interruption

losses related to the flooding as the affected areas work to restore power and resume operations following the storm," Fitch said.

"The massive storm is impacting a wide variety of businesses in densely populated areas, including retail, corporate offices, transportation, manufacturing, and energy plants."

Economists at IHS Global Insight said they expect the physical losses to top the \$15 billion of Hurricane Irene of last year.

"With Sandy being a much larger storm, it is likely to end up causing more flooding damage than its 2011 peer which would increase total damage estimates," said IHS economists Gregory Daco and Nigel Gault in a report on the storm.

"The commercial shutdown of the East Coast is likely to result in gross domestic product losses that may outweigh infrastructure damages," they added.

While some losses to economic production will be recovered in rebuilding spending, they said, not all can be regained.



Trading sheep, goats and camels is such big business in Somaliland that villagers describe livestock as the "barrels of oil" that drive the economy of the breakaway republic in the Horn of Africa. Thanks to recent security gains in central and southern Somalia, livestock revenues are increasingly seen as a financial boon that could help the rest of the country back on its feet after two decades of conflict.



MADRID -- Spain's economy contracted for a fifth quarter, undermining efforts to plug the budget deficit that's pushing the nation closer to a bailout, while austerity measures kept inflation at a 17-month high.

US presenter Cooper sees TV talk show canceled



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - US journalist and TV presenter Anderson Cooper's eponymous daytime talk show will not be renewed for a third season, its producers said Monday.

Flagging viewer numbers and a tough business climate were blamed for the effective cancelation of the syndicated show by Cooper, who also fronts a prime-time current affairs show on CNN, "Anderson Cooper 360."

"Anderson" is in its second season, and its producers had relaunched the program by airing it live and revamping its

format, but to no avail.

"We are extremely proud of Anderson and the show that he and the entire production team have produced," said a spokeswoman for Warner Bros and Telepictures, which produces the show.

"While we made significant changes to the format, set and produced it live in its second season, the series will not be coming back for a third season in a marketplace that has become increasingly difficult to break through."

"We will continue to deliver top-quality shows throughout next summer," she added.

Cooper himself said: "I am very proud of the work that our terrific staff has put into launching and sustaining our show for two seasons."

"I am also grateful to Telepictures for giving me the opportunity, and indebted to viewers, who have responded so positively. I look forward to doing more great shows this season, and though I'm sorry we won't be continuing, I have truly enjoyed it."

The Warner Bros spokeswoman noted that Cooper is far from the only TV star to struggle in difficult economic times. "Daytime syndication has become very challenging," she said.

"Established personalities such as Katie Couric, Ricki Lake, Jeff Probst have all failed to find an audience in the new season, while established veterans have seen their audiences shrink," she said, citing TV medic Dr. Oz.

"Ellen appears to now be settling in as the viewers' choice for daytime must-see," she added, referring to talk show host Ellen DeGeneres.

Affleck's 'Argo' tops N. America box office



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - "Argo," based on a true story about six Americans spirited out of Iran during the 1979-80 hostage crisis, topped North America's weekend box office takings with \$12.1 million, figures showed Monday.

In its third week of release, the film directed by and starring Ben Affleck jumped from the second to the top spot, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations. It has earned a total of \$60.5 million so far.

Second place went to the debut of the genre-busting, time-traveling "Cloud Atlas," in which Tom Hanks and Halle Berry each play six different roles set across a 500-year span, taking in \$9.6 million in ticket sales.

In third spot was the animated film "Hotel Transylva-

nia" about an overprotective vampire dad intent on guarding his adolescent daughter against a budding romance with a human boy. The movie earned \$9.4 million.

"Paranormal Activity 4," the fourth place film, fell three spots from its chart-topping debut last week. The fourth installment in the found-footage franchise raked in \$8.5 million.

Fifth place went to the latest in the franchise of "Silent Hill" movies, which earned \$8 million in ticket sales.

Action film "Taken 2" -- Liam Neeson's return as ex-CIA agent Bryan Mills --

came in sixth place, with earnings of \$7.7 million.

"Here Comes the Boom," a comedy starring Kevin James as a high school teacher who looks to become a mixed martial arts fighter to raise money for his school, was in seventh place with \$5.2 million.

Eighth was action drama "Alex Cross," starring Tyler Perry as the popular James Patterson detective character, with \$5.1 million. Horror flick "Sinister," starring Ethan Hawke, was ninth with just under \$5 million.

Rounding out the top ten



was the debut of the Halloween-themed adolescent comedy "Fun Size," which earned \$4.1 million.

Transport needed to US for young pups

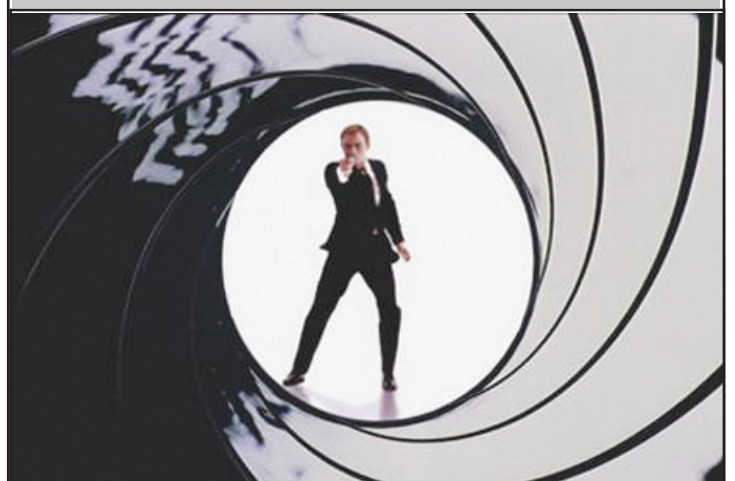


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'Skyfall' breaks 007's British box office record



LONDON (AFP) - "Skyfall" has taken more in its opening weekend at the British box office than any previous James Bond film, its producers said on Monday. Starring Daniel Craig as 007 for a third time, "Skyfall" has made £20.1 million (\$32.2 million, 25.0 million euros) in Britain and Ireland since opening in both countries on Friday, according to a statement on its website. "We are absolutely overwhelmed with the reaction to Skyfall this weekend," said producers Michael G. Wilson and Barbara Broccoli. "It is particularly thrilling as the UK is home to James Bond and it being the 50th anniversary year." Critics have declared the 23rd Bond film, starring Spanish actor Javier Bardem as Bond's latest nemesis, to be one of the finest in the suave British spy's 50 years on the screen. Directed by Oscar winner Sam Mendes, it opens with a spectacular chase scene in an Istanbul market but returns to home ground with a terror attack in London. The Bond franchise is one of the most successful in history, with the 22 other films released so far taking more than \$5 billion (3.85 billion euros). Bond was first transported from Ian Fleming's novels to the silver screen in 1962 with "Dr No", starring Sean Connery.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with

This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Keshi Yena with plantains, vegetables and pica

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won

items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese."

and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly

eat like a local. They are open from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with

real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to

countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and

appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two



will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50%

of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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SPORTS

Football: Messi heads Ballon d'Or shortlist



PARIS (AFP) - Fresh from hitting his 300th career goal in a weekend swamping of Rayo Vallecano, Barcelona icon Lionel Messi heads a 23-strong shortlist for a fourth FIFA/France Football Ballon d'Or (Golden Ball) award.

National team captains and head coaches plus international media representatives selected by the French magazine will determine who wins the accolade, with Argentina's Messi favourite to land the award again at a presentation on January 7.

A three-man final shortlist will be unveiled on November 29 along with the three-strong shortlists for best coach, best female star and best women's coach.

Messi has scored 73 goals for Barcelona in all competitions this year, leaving him just two short of Pele's 75 for Santos and Brazil in 1959.

He is also closing in fast on Gerd Mueller's all-time calendar year record of 85 for Bayern Munich and West Germany in 1972.

Messi's main rival again ap-

pears to be 2008 player of the year Cristiano Ronaldo but Spain keeper and fellow Real Madrid legend Iker Casillas is another strong candidate after his role in Spain's retention of their Euro crown.

Then there are Barcelona's mercurial midfielders Xavi and Andres Iniesta as well as Brazil's superstar Neymar.

Ivory Coast veteran striker Didier Drogba is also on the list after helping Chelsea win the Champions League.

Manchester United's Wayne Rooney is the only English player in the list.

Vying with Spain's Vicente del Bosque for the coaching accolade are Roberto Di Matteo of Chelsea; Manchester United's long-serving Alex Ferguson; former Barca coach Pep Guardiola; Jupp Heynckes of Bayern Munich; Jurgen Klopp of Borussia Dortmund; Germany's Joachim Loew; Roberto Mancini of Manchester City; Real's Jose Mourinho; and Italian handler Cesare Prandelli.

Football: Juventus look to avoid controversy against Bologna



MILAN (AFP) - Champions Juventus will aim to make it 49 matches unbeaten when they host Bologna today, while followers of Serie A will hope there is no repeat of the refereeing controversies which marred some weekend matches.

Juventus were beneficiaries of at least one wrong refereeing decision Sunday, defeating Catania 1-0 to maintain a three-point lead over Napoli despite their hosts having a valid goal disallowed for an in-existent offside.

Catania have not been the only team complaining of inconsistency, but since then the focus has been on Juve -- a team considered almost untouchable by some rivals.

Juventus director general Beppe Marotta on Monday was forced to "categorically reject" all notions of a conspiracy revolving round the Old Lady of Turin.

However it is only now that Italy's most titled Serie A club is finding redemption, several years after a 'calciopoli' match-fixing scandal saw Juventus

stripped of two league titles (2005 and 2006).

Catania president Antonino Pulvirenti, who was ordered off the bench on Sunday, later complained that protests from the Juve bench had forced the match referee to change his mind and disallow the goal.

Claims that the linesman in charge was a fan of Juve have since been made, and denied, however the events have raised questions over the professionalism of officials in one of the world's top leagues.

Roma dropped two points at home after Udinese were awarded a contentious late penalty while Lazio, beaten 2-0 at Fiorentina, also had what seemed like a perfectly valid goal ruled out.

It prompted outspoken Palermo president Maurizio Zamparini to tell Radio Radio: "The penalty against Roma in the final moments is just unbelievable. I'm amazed that we constantly fail to bring in technology."

On paper, Bologna have little chance of causing an upset at Juventus stadium.

NFL:

Trade deadline pushed back

NEW YORK (AFP) - The NFL on yester said it had pushed its trade deadline back 48 hours to Thursday because of the disruption caused by Hurricane Sandy.

The deadline for teams to agree on player swaps had been set for Tuesday, but the league decided to allow more time in part because several teams suspended operations as the deadly hurricane approached the US east coast.

NFL offices in New York were also closed for Monday and Tuesday, which would have made it difficult for the league to process any trade paperwork.

The storm, a deadly combination of a tropical hurricane rolling north from the Caribbean and fierce wintry winds approaching from Canada, was expected to leave tens of millions without power, and trigger coastal and river flooding.

Ground and air travel was severely disrupted as local, state and federal officials urged those living in the storm's likely path to take adequate precautions.

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Giants win World Series in sweep over Tigers

DETROIT (AFP) - Crafting a World Series sweep with masterful pitching and clutch hits, the San Francisco Giants won a second Major League Baseball title in three seasons Sunday with a 4-3 victory over Detroit.

The Giants routed Detroit four games to none in the best-of-seven final and after a 2010 Series triumph over Texas won the club's seventh championship overall, five of them coming before the team moved from New York in 1958.

Ryan Theriot, who won a World Series last year with St. Louis, scored the title-winning run for the Giants in the 10th



inning on a single by Marco Scutaro, who made the key hit two days before his 37th birthday.

Theriot singled to right field, advancing to second base on Brandon Crawford's sacrifice bunt and raced home on a two-out single by Scutaro, who has played for six different clubs in 10 major league seasons.

"It was fitting for him to get the game-winning hit," Bochy said. "Those two did a great job for us."

Giants relief ace Sergio Romo entered in the bottom half of the 10th and struck out leadoff hitter Austin Jackson, pinch hitter Don Kelly and Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera for the last outs to ignite a victory celebration.

San Francisco became the 21st team to capture the throne in a sweep and kept the Tigers searching for their first World Series crown since 1984.

"I'm a little bit flabbergasted to be honest," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "I would never have thought the Giants would have swept us, but it happened. It's a freaky game. It happened. So be it."

San Francisco third base-

man Pablo Sandoval was named Most Valuable Player of the World Series.

The Venezuelan slugger nicknamed "Kung Fu Panda" blasted three home runs in the Giants' game-one triumph and had 24 total hits in the playoffs including six homers, five doubles and 13 runs batted in during the title run.

"I was ready for the moment," Sandoval said. "I was waiting for the opportunity so I pulled everything together."

The Giants were often on the brink of elimination in the playoffs, winning the last three games of their first post-season series against Cincinnati then needing to take the last three against St. Louis to reach the World Series.

"When our backs are on the wall, that's the time when we're having fun," said Sandoval.

San Francisco had not trailed in 56 playoff innings, winning the last three games of the National League finals and the first three World Series games by a combined run total of 32-4.

That post-season streak without trailing was the second-longest run in major league history, behind only a 60-inning stretch by the 2004 Boston Red Sox.

NFL: Smith leads 49ers to victory over Cardinals



PHOENIX, Arizona (AFP) - Alex Smith threw three touchdown passes to lead San Francisco to a convincing 24-3 victory over Arizona on Monday in a match-up of NFL National Conference West division rivals.

Smith was nearly flawless, throwing just one incomple- tion as he completed 18 of 19 passing attempts for 232 yards.

He set an NFL record for the most completions with just one incomple- tion in a single game.

All three of Smith's TD passes came on third-down plays. The 49ers defence did their part, and the Cardinals'

only score was Jay Feely's 28-yard field goal in the final minute of the third quarter.

Michael Crabtree caught five passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns while Randy Moss also had a touchdown catch for San Francisco, who improved to 6-2 and strengthened their hold on the top spot in the division.

The 49ers head into their bye week with a two-game division lead, and never looked in danger of a repeat of their last trip to Arizona in December, when they squandered a 19-7 lead and eventually fell 21-19.

It was the fourth time in five games that the 49ers didn't allow a touchdown.

John Skelton, making his second straight start at quarterback in place of an injured Kevin Kolb, went 32-for-52 for 290 yards with an interception for the Cardinals, who fell to 4-4.

The Cardinals have lost four straight since opening the season with four successive victories.



San Francisco 49ers wide receiver (82) Mario Manningham is tackled by Arizona Cardinals cornerback (21) Patrick Peterson.

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Messi receives Golden Boot as Europe's top scorer



-- Last season, the 25-year-old Messi scored a Spanish-league record 50 goals for Barcelona, edging out fellow Spanish league star Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid by four goals. Messi dedicated the award to his teammates, with Xavi Hernandez and Carles Puyol present for the ceremony in Barcelona.

"It is a prize for scoring goals, but without my teammates I couldn't have scored them," Messi said. "I share this award with them as I always do.

The Argentina international

won his first Golden Boot in 2010 for his 34 goals that helped Barcelona win the league title. Messi is among the favorites to win the 2012 Ballon d'Or for the world's best player.

"We won't see another player like him, and if we do, it won't be for a very long time," said Barcelona coach Tito Vilanova. "It's not just for the goals he scores, but for how he sees and understands the game, that is what makes him so great. On Saturday, he ran 50 meters to defend a corner in the 89th minute with a

5-0 lead. Not many players would have done that."

Luis Suarez Miramontes, the former Spain international and 1960 Ballon d'Or winner, presented the award.

Messi, nicknamed "The Flea" for his uncanny ability to dribble through defenders, has shattered a number of records over the past year. He scored an unprecedented 73 goals in all competitions for Barcelona last season, breaking the previous European club record of 67 goals set by Bayern Munich's Gerd Mueller in 1972-73 and the prior world club mark of 70 established by Archie Stark of Bethlehem Steel in the American Soccer League in 1924-25.

In March, Messi passed Cesar Rodriguez's 57-year-old milestone of 232 goals to become Barcelona all-time leading scorer. He also scored a European Cup-record-tying 14 goals in the Champions League, where he netted a record five goals in one game.

Football: Mourinho rests stars for Spanish Cup clash

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid coach Jose Mourinho is set to leave star players Cristiano Ronaldo, Mesut Ozil, Sergio Ramos and Xabi Alonso out of his squad to face third division Alcoyano for their Spanish Cup Last 32 first-leg match on Wednesday.

"I will not play Pepe, neither Ramos or Ozil, Ronaldo or Xabi Alonso. I will use other first team players in accordance with the rules which state we must use at least seven first team members," the Portuguese coach said.

The former Inter Milan, Chelsea and Porto handler also revealed he will hand starts to youngsters Alex, 20, and Jose

Rodriguez, 17.

"I don't think it's going to be easy tomorrow (Wednesday) at a stadium where the opposition will be extremely motivated to play against a big team.

"If we can win, all the better but if we can come out of the match with a good result, that wouldn't be bad either.

"The objective is to get past this round and not commit the errors that Real Madrid made in the past," added Mourinho after the shock Cup defeat against fourth division Alcorcon in 2009 when the team were coached by Chilean Manuel Pellegrini.

The two-time Champions

League winner says he wants to use the talented youngsters coming up through the Real Madrid youth system and who are eager for first-team playing time although he doesn't always see eye-to-eye with youth team coach Alberto Toril.

"Personally, I want to use players that can be useful to the first team and I don't want to use players who are on the fringes," continued Mourinho.

"My relationship with Toril is normal and he has an autonomy that I respect. But a lot of the reserve team players play in a system that is completely different to the first team and I think they feel a bit penalised."

Football: Player sacked for fight that led to 16 red cards



MONTEVIDEO (AFP) - Uruguay club Juventud have sacked a player for starting a mass brawl during last weekend's domestic league game with Wanderers that led to 16 players being sent off at the final whistle.

Club president Yamandu Costa told reporters that Cristian Latorre had his contract terminated, while other players involved in the fight would be fined, depending on their level of involvement.

Gaston Inda, the vice-president of Wanderers, meanwhile said that the club's executive committee would meet on Tuesday to decide whether to impose sanctions on their players.

Both teams said in a joint statement released on Monday evening that they "strongly opposed all forms of violence in football", vowed to fight against the problem in the game and apologised to fans, the wider public and the authorities.

Rival players fought on the pitch after the match ended in a 3-3 draw on Sunday, prompting the referee to send off eight players from each side. Another player had previously been sent off in the first-half, taking the game's total to 17.

In 2002, a Spanish referee sent off 19 players in a regional first division match, forcing the game to be abandoned.

Swedish hooligans handed jail sentences

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - A Swedish court on Tuesday sentenced 15 football hooligans who clashed with police at a 2011 match in Gothenburg to up to six months in jail.

The clashes took place in August last year before a game between two of the country's most popular clubs, IFK Gothenburg and Stockholm's AIK.

The sentences handed down by the court ranged between four and six months. The accused were also given proba-

tion, fines and community work.

The punishments reflect the seriousness of the crimes, as well as the ages and criminal records of those involved, the court said in a statement.

The accused, between 18 and 42 years old, "mirrored society", daily newspaper Goeteborgsposten wrote, noting that the group included family men with jobs, as well as people with a criminal background.

Four other defendants were acquitted.